BRIEF MESSAGE FROM MISSING GIRL.

Letter Received by Mother of Florence Leonhardt, Who Disappeared Friday.

NO CLEW TO WHEREABOUTS.

Child Says She Is Safe but Will Not Live With Her father.

A letter was received yesterday from Florence Leophardt, the Leyear-old daughter of August P. Leonhardt, who disappeared last Friday, after she had been given into the custody of her father by on order of Circuit Judge Filteraft.

The missive was addressed to the girl's mether, Mrs. H. L. Dausman of No. 1517 Pendleton avenue. In it the girl said that she had determined not to return to her father. She would rather die than live with him, she declared. The letter was postmarked in St. Louis, but effered no other clew to the whereabouts of the missing child. The mother, however, declares that she is overloyed to learn that the little girl has not carried out her threat to kill herself. Mrs. Dansman has been suffering from nervous prostration ever since the disappearance of the child.

Developments yesterday seemed to show that the little girl had planned from the first that she would run away from her father at the first opportunity.

When Judge Flitcraft issued an order giving Mr. Leonhardt possession of the little girl ast Friday she went with her father quietly, although before the order was issued she went bitterly at the prespect of being taken away from her mother Mr. Leonhardt said yesterday that he was surprised to see his daughter apparently willing to go home with him from the court room last Priday.

"We got home last Friday about c'clock," said Mr. Leonhardt, "and I thought that my daughter would soon teel Mrs. Mattie Lambert Ran Down contented with me. In the afternoon I sent my son Edwin to the dentist's on Jefferson avenue to have some work done, Florence asked me to let her accompany her brother

"When they reached the dentist's officshe told ner brother to go in alone, while she went to get some paper to write a letter. Edwin told his sister that she could write the letter in the office, but she re fused to go in with him. When he was ready to go home his sister had not returned, and he could not find her around the neighborhood, so he notified me by tele phone, and later came down and told me all about his sister's disappearance.

"I immediately notified all the little girl's relatives and asked them to let me know If she went to them. Some of them assisted me in searching for her that afternoon, but the search was frultless. I then asked They are helping me now, however, and house at 6:39 o'clock last evening, the city will be thoroughly searched for | Spectators quickly extinguished the flame

seemed to be contented to stay, so I did hardly live until morning. She is burned on not think it necessary to keep a watch on the face, body and legs, and is a fearful eve that she had firmly re-



FLORENCE LEONHARDT,

The 15 Year Old Girl, Who Disappeared Last Friday. Her Parents, Who Are Separated, Believe She Is Still in St. Louis,

WOMAN VICTIM OF GASOLINE BURNS.

Three Flights of Stairs With Clothes Ablaze.

HER INJURIES ARE TERRIBLE. ALL DEPENDS ON THE COLOR.

Olive, West of Beaumont Street—Baby Rescued by a Boy.

With her garments in flames from a burning gasoline-soaked coat which the had the police to help me find the child, but thrown from the window, Mrs. Mattie Lamthey refused to assist me at the time, be- bert of No. 2718 Olive street rushed down cause I did not have papers to show that three flights of stairs and finally fell presthe child had been given into my care. trate upon the car tracks in from of the

and the woman was sent to the City Hospi "When I took the little girl home she tal. Doctor Nictort thought that she would

RAISING A BEARD TO CLEAR HIMSELF

Alleged Horse Thief in Belleville Jail Adopts a Novel of Defense.

Harrowing Spectacle Presented on If the Growing Whiskers Are Not Red, Thunig Expects to Establish His Innocence Without Trouble.

> rest in Belleville with an indictment of the Grand Jury of Jusper County hanging over of horse stealing which is preferred against him by growing a beard. He is in jail at Belleville at present, charged with obtaining money under take pretenses, and he increase in the first presences, and he house storial himself of the horse-steading indictacent and to leave himself prepared to devote all his attention to the other charge by growing a heard which will be agreeable to him provided it be any other color. We will have a first than it was in regard to the dinner with Keliogg." devote all his attention to the other charge by growing a heard, which will be agree-

her. I now believe that she had firmly resolved, while in the courtroom, to run away from me the first time she got a chance.

"Monday morning John Kunz, a teamster for an East St. Louis express company, called to see me and told me that he had got a term for an East St. Louis express company, called to see me and told me that he had got a term for an East St. Louis express company, called to see me and told me that he had got a term for the hought was my missing daughter, wandering about the yards near the Relay Depot in East St. Louis. He described her, but the describtion did not tally with that of my daughter, so I told him that I thought that he was mistaken.

"When my daughter disappeared," continued Mr. Leonhardt, "she wore a green plaid dress and a blue and white striped the coat was in a blaze. Mrs. Lambert, who was bury at the gasoline store. There had finished, he hang the coat up to dry, near Mrs. Lambert, who was bury at the gasoline, which he had in a basin. After he had finished, he hung the coat up to dry, near Mrs. Lambert, who was bury at the gasoline store. They have a little girl 9 months old, named Carmen.

Lambert had just returned home from work, and mrs. Lambert was in their green work, and Mrs. Lambert was in their green work, and Mrs. Lambert, was in their green work, and Mrs. Lambert, was in the green in the stage of the hall in a basin. After he had finished, he hung the coat up the described her, but the described her, but the described her, but the described in want the team work had stolen a pair of horses had single to said be supported in many work the team of the pair of the house, preparing to cook supper. Her husband cleaned a coat with the team stock, for the place where he had finished, he hung the coat up the window, and rushed he beard with the team store, which he had i

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THEY WEPT FOR VANISHED LOVE.

Caused Plaintiff and Defendant to Cry.

turn-After Tears on Both Sides, the Trial at Pittsburg Went On.

down her face over mertification at hearing extracts from a letter written by her to her husband, imploring him to come back to ber, Ester Bartlett Clarke, the former Washington society belle, sat in the wirness box of Common Pleas Court to-day.

She implered her husband's afforney, Harry L. Goehring, not to read parts of the letter aloud, and when he refused, she appealed to Colone! S. A. Worthington to help her, but he was powerless. Her paroxysm of grief and recollections awakened by the letter caused her husband to bury his face in his hands and weep with her, The sols of both were perfectly audible in all parts of the courtroom. Attorney Goehring had to pause in order to allow Clarke tried to assume her defiant attitude, but it was a weak attempt and she was still crying when she left the stand, Mrs. Chirke entered with her father, Colonel J. D. Bartlett. She has undersome divorce ease. The change does not detract from her attentiveness, but it indi-

Cross-Examination Resumed.

It was 2:10 o'clock when the cross-exami-nation of Mrs. Clarke, who was on the witbess stand on Friday when court adjourned, was resumed by Attorney Goehring. He asked her first about the drive with Kellogg which she testified took place the day before her marriage to Clarke. She said she desired to correct herself, as it was Monday the drive was taken, and not Tuesday, which was the day preceding the weiding. "When it begut to think it all eye?" "When it begut to think it all eye?" Mr. Goehring then read all the testimony touching upon this point which Mrs. Chrike gave on Friday. It was in regard to this uccasion that a tangle occurred in the evidence on Friday. Mrs. Carke, in explanation testary, said:
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"I merely got Monday confused with might answer direct and add whatever size

than it was in regard to the dinner with Kelingg?"
"I object," said Colene! Worthington, "The question is an insuit to the witness," The objection was sustained.
A letter from Cherke to his wife dited May 20, 1829 was introduced in which the lib-liant says that he would not live with Mrs. Clarke main on account of her alleged crud and inhuman treatment. Mrs. Clarke was ask if to identify the document as a copy of one received by her. She did so Colonel Worthington produced the ortainal, and it was also identified. It had been sent by register if mail.

Benged Him to Return.

HANNA POPULISTS' FUNNY CONVENTION

Letter Read in a Divorce Suit Only Twenty Six Delegates Present from the Whole State · of Illinois.

WIFE'S PLEA TO HER HUSBAND, CANDIDATES WERE VERY COY.

Mrs. Clarke Implored Him to Re. After Five Declined to Run for Governor the Use of Chloroform Was Suggested-Empty Benches,

> Springfield, Ill., April 21.-The Middle-of day. Seventeen countles were represented were fill Hers, A. J. Streeter and Jim Cocktell. Hess sent a letter demanding a Middle of-the-Read policy, however, and had the walking been good he might have appeared The convention did a variety of things, and the small number present provoked endless discussions and arguments on matters of

minor importance. The Chicago push captured the only thing worth having, the chairmanship of the State Committee. There was a fight on it and the Chicagoans outgeneraled the Egyptians. Joseph Hopp, employed during the last cam-paign by the Republicans in the county Goehring had to pause in order to allow building in Cook County, and acting as see.

Mrs. Clarke to recover her composure. Mrs. retary of the Populist State Committee at the same time, was elected chairman of the new State Committee over Wicking, Hopp invelgled a youth named Richardson of Mat toon into his web, promising him the secre-tery-hip of the committee, and made other traces with the few delegates present. Wickline had selected Tommy Edwards of Coffeen for secretary. The result was a stand-off-Hopp and Edwards winning. physical resources. No trace of timidity or lack of resolution can be discerned in the chairman of the retiring State Committee lines of her face, but she is much more pallid and noticeably weaker. She had scarcely taken her sent when she drew from her chatelaine hag a buttle of lavender sailts. Her head drouged slightly and her smile, as she greeted her counsel, showed a lack of spontanlety and it faded quickly.

Chateland of the retiring State Committee was not present. His relations were particularly close with Secretary Van Cleave of the Republican Committee two years ago, and he was willing to give the other fellows as cleanes at the watermeion.

Thomas Clement Edwards of Montgomery was casily the belie of the ball. He were Thomas Clement Edwards of Montgomery was easily the belle of the ball. He were the first and only straw hat of the season, and it was tilted at a jaunty angle. His hair was parted in the middle, and he wore

The only contention was whether a State tiekt should be nominated now or after the Chemnati convention. The State Committee finally referred it to the convention, which decided in hiver of immediate action. There were not enough Populasis present to the places may the new State Committee the places may the new State Com-

There were not enough Pepulists present to foll all the places, and the new State Committee will fill the vacancies.

Covernor Tanner did not deliver an addicappointed, but the head jamitor obsequates by asked if the delegates wanted the second elevator to start up. The chairman ginneed at the rows of empty benches and grimly shook his head in the negative.

At the afternoon session the Credentials Committee reported no contests and recommend of that the delegates present east the full vace to which their countes were entitled, there is where Wickline lost out, as Cook County was entitled to eighty-five delegates, and eight of them were present. Ob-Cook County was entitled to eighty-five delegates, and eight of them were present. Objection was made to the report by Mr. Chark of Gillesgie, who said he was "a men who is in favor of the referendum." Ascolo D. Hers of Pittsheld was made chairman, and W. D. Kell of Decatur servitary. George Wickline made a short plea for "erganization."

"What we want," said Wickline. "Is to get our people back into the fold, put machinery in order to nominate State, Senatorial and Congressional tickets, and not attempt to reap rewards before we sow the send. I believe if we do this that we will have a State Convertion in July that even The St. Leuis Republic will not make fun

the St. Louis Republic will not make fun a State ticket?"
"Mr. Bannigan of Chicago wanted the
ticket nominated right away so as to
crowd the bucksliders, and Jake Hoss said
he never sat in a Populist convention where
there was a lack of the right kind of timber

The Platform.

Colonel Fetter read the platform, which was adopted. It declared that the Government should coin all money without the intervention of banks, and that monopolies of band should be abelished. It favored a gradual income tax and popular cie thou of Senators, postal savings banks and Government ownership of railroads and telegraph. Free silver was demanded but "not because we believe in the lutringly value of money; all money is simply the flat of the law." The luttiare and referendum were demanded, and sympathy expressed for the Boers. Then they started a chase after candidates for State offices. Charley Palmer, Wickling, Jake Hers, Felter and VanTyne were named for Governor, and all declined. A. C. VanTyne was finally pagged and forced to accept. He has always been a Republican. The same proceeding was had over other offices.

The ticket was finally made up, after The ticket was finally made up, after trials without number, in this way. Governor, A. C. Van Tyne, Flora; Leutenant Governor, James H. Ferris, Joliet; Secretary of State, Edward Mulloy, Chicago; Auditor, William Bannigan, Chicago; Treasurer, Jacob Cosad, Fayette County; Attorney General and Trustees of the university to be selected by the State Committee.

L. A. Quellmaiz of Believille could not afferd to attend, but sent word he wanted the nomination for Secretary of State. He would have been named, but Wickline cut him off with a whisper in the ear of Chairman Hess. Doctor Bullard suggested that the first man nominated for every office be chloroformed before he was apprised that his name would be presented. As members his came would be presented. As members or the National Committee James H. Ferris, Joliet: Wm. Bannigan, Chicago, and Jacob D. Hess, Pittsheld, were selected. For the State Committee, one from each Senatorial district very few were elected, because few

Des Moines, In., April 21,-The Middle-ofthe-Read Populists of Iowa held a State Convention here to-day to select delegates to the National Convention at Cincinnati. Only about a dezen delegates were in attendance, headed by A. W. C. Weeks, chairman, and L. H. Weller. The delegates busted themselves with getting out a platform and selecting delegates. There were not enough present to cause any contests except on theories, which were debated long and loud.

Treasury Department Says They

Washington, April 24.-For some years past the Treasury Department has received from time to time letters from all parts of

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CHICAGO BANKER ARRESTED.

Bogus Stock Deal.

Chicago, April 24.—A ferzery of Sugar Frust stock came to light to-day when S. Jacobs, president of the Chicago Lord Lord Lord Lord Carbondale and Honesdale, Trust stock came to light to-day when S. J. Jacobs, president of the Chicago Lord and Trust Company, was arrested at the instance of N. Gilbertson of 248 West Erie street, on a charge of being implicated in a confidence game. The alleged perpetrator of the forgery,

The alleged perpetrator of the forgery.

Samuel Fuller, is also sought, but it has been learned that he left Chicago country of the complete of the forget after completing the transaction complained of, May 17, 1828. It is said, too, that he imposed upon a score of business men several of whom are believed to have purchased bogus sugar stock.

Gilbertson says he gave Fuller \$2,709 for fifty shares of what purported to be stock in the American Sugar Refining Company, and his assertion that the papers bore the alleged signatures of H. O. Havemeyer, as president and John E. Searles as secretary, is corroborated by Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs does not deny that Gilbertson was swindled, "but," he said, when taken into custody. "I was fooled as thoroughly as Gilbertson was, though I did not lose any money. Fuller came to me with letters of high recommendation purporting to be signed by the Mayor and Treosurer of Buffalo. He also had a letter from the Alcoit Bank of the same city. He created such a good impression upon the brokers in Chicago that he gained everybody's confidence.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with the "I had absolutely nothing to do with the

transaction between Fuller and Gilbertson. It was not long after that the true character of the man Fuller was discovered. Then Gilbertson demanded a settlement from me, but I declined to make any settlement, there having been no business between Gilbertson and myself."

Gilbertson says Jacobs took an active part in inducing him to purchase the stock, guaranteed the papers offered by Fuller, represented that he himself held shares worth \$500,000, and as a further argument gave Gilbertson a promissory note for \$2,000. transaction between Fuller and Gilbertson

MANUFACTURERS MEET.

Annual Session of the National Association at Boston. Boston, Mass., April 24.-The annual con-

vention of the National Manufacturers' Association met here to-day. The Committee on Parcels Post recommended the adoption of a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at a meeting in Philadelphia last December, to the effect that the association favors the enactment of a law by Congress providing for the establishment of a parcels post system in the United States similar to the laws now in force in England and Germahy, and also the negotiation of the parcels post treaties with other nations,

Charged With Being Implicated in One Man Killed in the Wreck-Several Injured.

thing between Carbondale and Honesdale, late last hight.

The engine jumped the track on a sharp curve, drawing the trein after. The cars were piled in an indescribable heap.

One man was killed and several others were injuted. Wreckers were sent out from Carbondale, and all traffic over the roan is atoandoned to-day.

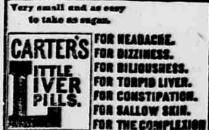
The man killed was Edward Cavanaugh, brakeman, and two of the injured are John Simmons and Fred Rippie, all of Hones-

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